

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## Building the Faith of Others

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- I. **Background of the Church in Thessalonica**
  - A. Paul writes from Corinth after being there a few months earlier
  - B. The Jews ran him out of town (**Acts 17:5**) to Berea (**Acts 17:13**)
  - C. Paul travels to Corinth but sends Timothy to them (**1 Thes 3:2**).
- II. **Building Up the Faith of Others**
  - A. Remind and Show Others What Is Important
    1. **1 Thessalonians 3:1-4** - strengthen faith - destined for pain
    2. What does suffering for Christ prove?
      - a. Shows not ashamed of Christ: **2 Timothy 1:8; 1:12**
      - b. Proves a choice: **2 Timothy 2:3-4** - serve the Lord
      - c. Shows a purpose: **2 Timothy 2:10** - salvation of others
    3. Our Encouragement of Others - YOU suffer for Christ
  - B. Help Others See the Enemy
    1. **1 Thessalonians 3:5** - Satan is behind it all
    2. How do you view Satan? **1 Peter 5:8**
    3. Our Encouragement of Others
      - a. See Satan but also know the power of God is stronger!
      - b. Show victory in YOUR life - **Hebrews 4:14-16**
  - C. Live For the Spiritual Growth of Others
    1. **1 Thessalonians 3:6-8** - We live IF you stand firm!!!
    2. What is your life all about?
      - a. **2 Corinthians 9:10** - God provides - you sow
      - b. **Matthew 10:8** - Freely given, freely give
      - c. **Luke 6:38** - Give, trusting God
    3. Our Encouragement of Others: Be there!!! **Romans 12:15**
  - D. Fill Others Up with What Is Lacking
    1. **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13** - to complete what is lacking
    2. We pour out our hearts and lives in our work for God - see **Philippians 2:17** - poured out for them
    3. Ways We "Fill Each Other Up"
      - a. Say the words that build up (**Ephesians 4:29**)
      - b. Run the race with them
      - c. Let them see the benefit of their work (YOU grow)